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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR; LIBYAN
PASSPORT PROBLEM

REF: TUNIS 3485

1. VENEZEULAN AMBASSADOR BARRADAS CALLED ON ME JUNE 28 TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN PASSPORT PROBLEM AND TO REQUEST FAVOR FROM CHARGE JOSIF IN TRIPOLI. AMBASSADOR BARRADAS, AS TRIPOLI KNOWS, SENT HIS FIRST SECRETARY LUIS LEBRUN MORATINOS (KNOWN AS LEBRU N) TO TRIPOLI A FEW DAYS AGO TO KEEP EMBASSY OPEN. BASED ON SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS WITH LEBRUN, HE REPORTS THAT LATTER BECOMING VERY DEPRESSED WITH ATMOSPHERE TRIPOLI AND WISHES TO LEAVE. BARRADAS NEVERTHELESS WANTS TO KEEP HIM THERE AT LEAST UNTIL HE RECEIVES INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT ON WHAT HAPPENS NEXT. HE ASKS IF JOSIF AND OTHERS IN EMBASSY TRIPOLI COULD CONTACT LEBRUN AND TRY TO HELP HIM OUT. I PROMISED CONVEY MESSAGE.

2. BARRADAS ALSO TOLD US THAT LEBRUN HAD MANAGED ENTER LIBYA WITHOUT ARABIC IN PASSPORT. WHEN HE QUERIED LARG OFFICIALS REGARDING THIS, AND ASKED WHY BARRADAS HIMSELF HAD BEEN EXCLUDED, LARG OFFICIALS REPLIED THAT LEBRUN' S ENTRANCE HAD BEEN " ERROR" AND THAT HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED TOO.

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3. BARRADAS ALSO SAID THAT BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR IN TUNIS
BEZERRA DE MENEZES, ALSO ACCREDITED TRIPOLI, HAD TWICE BEEN
REFUSED ENTRY INTO LIBYA. FIRST TIME HE TRIED WITHOUT
ARABIC IN PASSPORT. ON SECOND OCCASION, HE TRANSLATED
PASSPORT PARTICULARS INTO ARABIC, AND AFTER CONFERRING WITH
LIBYAN AMBASSADOR TUNIS, TRIED ONCE AGAIN. DESPITE ARABIC
TRANSLATION, HE WAS REFUSED.
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